

**Draft** for Acceptance on December 11, 2013  
CONNECTICUT EMS ADVISORY BOARD  
Wednesday, November 13, 2013 at 0900 hours  
At American Heart Association

Members Attendees: J. Best, W. Campion, R. Daggett, M. Daniels, G. Forrester, R. Kamin, R. McKeon, M. Miraglia, J. Paretzky, J. Quinlavin, J. Reynolds, A. Romano, F. Rosa, W. Schietinger, I. Smith, B. Tenney, C. Tufts, C. VanGelder, and R. Ziegler.

OEMS Staff: W. Furniss.

Regional Coordinators: M. Connelly, J. Reynolds and J. Speck.

Regional Presidents: G. Allard, S. Gelati and B. Schietinger.

Committee Chairs: D. Dole (Paramedic), J. Soto (Communications), G. Forrester (Volunteer), R. Ziegler (PI&E) and B. Schietinger, outgoing Chair and W. Ackley newly appointed Chair (Emergency Preparedness).

Public: N. McGee, and J. Petrauskas (UConn School of Medicine).

Board Chair: J. Quinlavin, Chair.

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Call to order at 0908hours.

TOPIC	ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Minutes	October 9, 2013.	No corrections.	A motion was made by J. Best and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by G. Forrester to accept the minutes of October 9, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.
Chairs report	CT Broadcasters Association Award	On October 17, 2013 the CBA and Senator Blumenthal, acting upon the guidance of Commissioner Mullen to utilize the CT EMS Advisory Board as a representative, presented a framed proclamation and certificate honoring the EMS Community. These were presented to the Board.	The awards will be housed at OEMS and shown at the EMS Conference.
	Committee minutes.	All were reminded to sign and date all minutes. Meeting notices must be sent to the Secretary of State and minutes go to D. Bailey.	Please send 2014 dates to the Secretary of State.
	Committee project tracking.	The Chair asks the Committee Chairs to produce a list of accomplishments last year and projects for next year.	
	Emergency Preparedness	William Ackley has been named as Chair of the Emergency Preparedness Committee.	
DPH report.	CPAP	CPAP has been approved by CEMSMAC and will be signed by the board Chair today. This protocol will go out top services today.	CPAP protocol requires sponsor hospital approval.
	NHTSA	A spread sheet of the eleven components of NHTSA recommendations has been developed.	This will be sent out and members may sign up to work on specific issues.

		Discussion.	
	PSA Task Force	Work is in progress to find common ground to reach agreement on the PSA process.	
	AEMT status.	R. Ziegler asked for an update. Discussion including the continuation of AEMT courses.	No changes AEMT status to date.
	Recertification process.	Discussion regarding the timeliness of the process of certification once a student has completed a certification or recertification course. The 'grace period' was discussed and clarified that individuals continue CT certification through the grace period. Consideration should be given to moving to an electronic process for certifications.	It takes 4 to 6 weeks turnaround time from the time received for OEMS to process individual certifications. K. Brown will be asked to present an overview of the process at the next Board meeting.
Public comment.		None	
Introductions		Done round table.	
Action items.	Nominating Committee.	The Nominating Committee report states: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. John Quinlavin, Chair to be recommended to the Commissioner for reappointment,</li> <li>2. Charlee Tufts, Vice Chair, and</li> <li>3. Irene Smith, Secretary.</li> </ol> Nominations open from the floor. None offered.	Motion to close nominations was made by. W. Campion and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by R. McKeon. Motion passed unanimously.  A motion was made by G. Forrester and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by R. McKeon to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. Motion passed with one abstention from J. Best.  A motion was made by W. Campion and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by G. Forrester to have the Secretary

			cast one ballot in support of the nominations set forth in the Nominations committee report. Motion passed with one abstention from J. Best.
	By- Laws	Some members got the by-laws yesterday and have not had time to review them.	Motion to table the By-laws review was made by J. Best and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by M. Miraglia. Motion passed unanimously.
Committee reports.	CEMSMAC September and October minutes submitted.	There will be an election for another Co-chair. Spinal immobilization education portion is on the agenda. Discussion.	
	Trauma Minutes and draft letter dated October 22, 2013 was submitted.	A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Trauma Committee's participation on the Board, 'The Hartford Consensus' document and how to encourage the Trauma Committee to participate on the Board in order to reach their goals.	The next Trauma Committee meeting is on November 21, 2013 at 1400 hours at CHA.
	CORC	Posters for the EMS Conference at Mohegan Sun on May 29-31, 2014 were handed out. They have 83 vendors signed on so far. There are a few slots for speakers left. The deadline for submission of names of speakers is December 1, 2013.	
	EMSC	No report.	
	Volunteer Minutes submitted.	The committee met two nights ago in Newtown. Work is in progress on their agenda.	Next meeting is at the CSP Academy on January 13, 2014.
	Legislative	The Committee continues to work on their defined initiatives.	

		<p>Back ground checks using fingerprinting is the gold standard.</p> <p>Lengthy discussion.</p> <p>Elder abuse or neglect is not mandated reporting for EMS personnel. The Committee will look at this issue.</p>	
	Training Minutes from September and October submitted.	No comments.	
	Communications and Interoperability.	<p>There are six trailers in CT: State of CT, New Haven Fire, Tolland, E. Lyme and Watertown.</p> <p>The trailers have been deployed four times: Hebron Fair, Ellington missing person and Metro North event-2 vehicles sent.</p> <p>Field Operations Guide-a technical guide-is complete and is being displayed. Portions of the document are 'need to know' only because some information could be corrupted.</p> <p>A SCIP 2 day workshop was held to update goals and objectives for the year.</p>	<p>Additional training is needed for the uses of the trailers.</p> <p>Contact DEHMS Regional coordinator to request deployment of a trailer.</p> <p>Report on the workshop is not in yet.</p>
	Emergency Preparedness	<p>A Hazardous Conditions guideline is nearly complete and will be ready for the next board meeting.</p> <p>Work continues on MCI. The committee is looking at the New Jersey protocol and will visit the state on December 17<sup>th</sup>.</p>	Put on board agenda.

	J. Best	<p>Discussion regarding drills to be held in June 2014. June 23/24 will be a stockpile drill and the Governor's drill will be the 21<sup>st</sup> regarding medical countermeasures. The CDC and Health and Human Services will be at the drill.</p> <p>CT continues to have concerns regarding the cost of maintaining CMEDs.</p> <p>Mark 1 kits that were distributed are out of date and there are no funds to replace them.</p>	<p>Hazmat, SWAT Teams and Field Hospitals have had Kits replaced.</p>
	Planning	No report.	
	Paramedic	<p>A mission statement and goals have been developed.</p> <p>Statewide guidelines are supported by the Committee.</p> <p>There is interest in assisting with the MOLST initiative.</p> <p>Work in progress to improve communications between Paramedics and the Committee.</p> <p>Facebook page was discussed and discouraged.</p>	<p>The Committee meets the last Wednesday of the month.</p> <p>Ctemscouncil.org May be used for paramedic postings rather than Facebook..</p>
	Clinical Coordinators Minutes submitted.	No discussion.	
	Data	J. Speck discusses the status of data collection.	
	Public Information and Education.		Will have a report at the next Board meeting.

New Business	PSOB benefits	Benefits were increased in October. Death and Disability is now \$336,046. There must be a designated beneficiary. Application forms are on line. There are also college student funds available.	
Adjournment	At 1143		Motion to adjourn was made by I. Smith and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by W@. Campion. Motion passed unanimously.
Next meeting	December 11, 2013 at 0900 hours.	Held at the American Heart Association.	

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